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IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

RICHARD ALEX WILLIAMS,

Petitioner,

vs.

CHERYL PLILER, Warden, et al.,

Respondents.

No. 2:03-CV-0721-RRB-JFM P

ORDER

Petitioner Richard Alex Williams ("Petitioner") a state prisoner proceeding through counsel, has filed this application for a writ of habeas corpus pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 2254. The matter was referred to a United States Magistrate Judge pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 636(b)(1)(B) and Local General Order No. 262.

On December 20, 2006, the Magistrate Judge filed Findings and Recommendations (Docket 23) herein which were served on all parties and which contained notice to all parties that any objections to the Findings and Recommendations were to be filed within ten days. After receiving several extensions of time, Petitioner has filed Objections to the Magistrate's Findings and Recommendations at Docket 38.

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Inasmuch as the Court concludes the issues before it are based in law, i.e., legal disputes, and in accordance with the provisions of 28 U.S.C. § 636(b)(1)(C) and Local Rule 72-304, the Court has conducted a <u>de novo</u> review of the relevant pleadings filed in this matter. Having carefully and thoroughly reviewed the same, the Court finds the Magistrate's Findings and Recommendations at Docket 33 to be supported by the record and by proper analysis.

Accordingly, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that:

1. The Findings and Recommendations at Docket 23, filed on December 20, 2006, are adopted in full; and

2. Petitioner's application for a writ of habeas corpus is **DENIED**.

ENTERED this 14th day of March, 2008.

S/RALPH R. BEISTLINE UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE

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